

POLICE CHIEF

(Competitive Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This class encompasses the highest ranking position in the police department, the primary responsibility of which is serving as administrative head of the department. The Police Chief is responsible for the organization and management of department operations and for management of personnel. The employee of this class plans and directs operations to provide law enforcement services for the community, and provides for all support functions for these operations, including production and maintenance of records, development of a crime prevention program, and public relations. The Police Chief works with a high degree of independence in the performance of duties, reporting to the Mayor or the City Administrative Officer who review and oversee the work of this class.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Manages the operation of the police department. Develops management policies, and determines goals and objectives for the department. Organizes the department by creating a structure that will best utilize available resources in providing law enforcement services for the community. Plans, organizes, and directs all law enforcement functions for the department, including patrol operations, traffic control, criminal investigation, special operations, handling of juveniles, and jail operations. Reviews incoming communications, making assignments and routing work to the appropriate persons or locations.

Reviews department structure and operations and decides if new programs or policies are needed or if changes in current structure or operation are required. Reviews existing or proposed legislation, regulations, ordinances, and court rulings relating to police department operations to determine if changes are needed. Monitors any local conditions which may create situations the department may be called upon to handle. Identifies target areas for improvement in productivity; develops and initiates programs and procedures to improve the quality and effectiveness of service in these areas.

Interviews prospective employees and makes recommendations for hiring. Maintains promotional eligibility lists and makes or recommends promotions, both temporary and permanent, in

accordance with civil service law. Establishes a system of performance evaluations and uses information from evaluations to make personnel decisions.

Collects and analyzes data to estimate the extent and causes of risk, determines a level of risk which is acceptable, and devises a risk management program to control losses to the acceptable level.

Establishes and maintains a system of staff inspections to exercise control by providing detailed observation and analysis of department elements, procedures, and practices provided by qualified observers outside the normal lines of authority and responsibility. Develops a report review system to be used as an inspection process for analyzing the quality of police service.

Establishes policy concerning what information should be included in all records of the department, determines in what form this information should be kept, determines how long records should be retained, and provides for the security and privacy of all information which is not a part of public record. Supervises preparation and maintenance of the records and reports of the department by reviewing records completed by subordinates and by periodically inspecting systems and facilities for keeping the records. Writes letters in answer to written or oral requests addressed to the police department, or as needed to address needs of the police service.

Promotes a positive image of the department. Coordinates the work of the department with related federal, state, and local agencies. Serves as department representative at any required meetings, and works with boards and agencies whose operations affect the police department. Makes speeches before school or civic groups. Acts as department representative to the news media, releasing information and answering questions concerning the work or the department. Answers inquiries or handles complaints from the public about the operation of the police department or any related areas of law enforcement operations.

Determines target areas for crime prevention and directs the development of a community relations program to meet identified community needs. Monitors the writing of speeches, talks, or demonstrations on crime prevention or related law enforcement topics to schools, clubs, or civic groups.

Supervises department employees, outlining responsibilities and duties, reviewing work and delegating assignments, providing tools and equipment, and insuring that employees meet departmental standards for safety and propriety. Holds meetings to receive reports, disseminate information, or discuss work problems. Supervises the inspection of department equipment and subordinate personnel. Sets work schedules and approves leave. Monitors work pace and progress of assigned jobs in order to

determine if changes in method, additional training, assistance, or additional time is required. Supervises the evaluation of the work performance of subordinates through the writing of employee evaluation reports. Handles employee complaints and grievances and maintains discipline among employees.

Evaluates training needs, establishes a training program for the department, and maintains the program by seeing that it is properly staffed and supplied with training resources. Provides for outside instruction to meet any training needs not available in the departmental training program. Provides on-the-job training for department members, including explaining policies, procedures, and rules, and providing assistance in technical areas of work.

Supervises the general care, maintenance, and use of departmental equipment, vehicles, stations and grounds. Prepares specifications on new police department equipment for public bids. Purchases equipment and supplies, keeping such purchases within the established budget.

Performs any related duties assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application to the test.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and being a qualified elector of the State of Louisiana.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without reasonable accommodation.

MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE QUALIFICATIONS

EITHER

Must have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, police administration, business administration, public administration, or other related curriculum and at least six (6) years of progressively responsible experience in law enforcement positions, half of which must have been in a civilian law enforcement position, and at least two (2) years having been in positions which included administrative or supervisory responsibilities. Law enforcement experience should include work in positions which would provide background in patrol operations, criminal investigations, police training, and related areas of police department operations and management.

OR

Must have an associate degree in criminal justice, police administration, or other related curriculum, or a bachelor's degree in an unrelated curriculum and at least eight (8) years of progressively responsible experience in law enforcement positions, half of which must have been in a civilian law enforcement position, and at least two (2) years having been in positions which included administrative or supervisory responsibilities. Law enforcement experience should include work in positions which would provide background in patrol operations, criminal investigations, police training, and related areas of police department operations and management.

OR

Must have a high school diploma or a valid certificate of equivalency issued by a state department of education and at least ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience in law enforcement positions, half of which must have been in a civilian law enforcement position, and at least two (2) years having been in positions which included administrative or supervisory responsibilities. Law enforcement experience should include work in positions which would provide background in patrol operations, criminal investigations, police training, and related areas of police department operations and management.

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